on of the left bank of the Rhine to France and the creation of a greater including what is now the Austrian province of Bosnia.

Von Bethmann-Hollweg said he recognized the fact that some people foreign countries were inclined to look at the situation sensibly. But se, he said, are in the minority and their voices go unheard, like those of certain members of the English House of Lords.

"But the enemies' theories have lost force," he said. "The people have ceased speaking about the war lasting twenty years. The pretext that they are waging war for the protection of small countries has lost its persuasive power since the recent events in Greece. Small countries are in a severe plight since England is fighting."

The Chancellor discussed the principle of nationalities as applied by Germany's enemies and asked whether the English Colonial Secretary knew that of the 1,500,000 inhabitants of Alsace more than 87 per cent. speak German as their mother tongue.

He asked whether Poland by right of nationality belongs to Russia. He demanded to know whether the same principle applied by England in the case of Alsace loses power when applied to India

INVENTED STARVATION STORY.

Germany's enemies, Von Bethmann-Hollweg said, had blinded the selves at the beginning of the war by false stories about Germany. Now, after military and diplomatic defeats, they are only able to cling German Cavalry Foiled in an to the idea of Germany's annihilation. For this purpose they invented the

"We all agree," he said, emphatically, "that our foodstuffs are sufficient

and that the only important question is that of distribution. The great nomic unit stretching from Arras into Mesopotamia cannot be crushed." CHANCELLOR'S TALK ABOUT which gives human certitude that it will not return. We all agree about that and there is and always will be

Government.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

The Chancellor spoke of the situation in the Balkans. The entente powers, he said, had tried to persuade Bulgaria by liberal offers of neutral and Austrian territory to join them.

"But the Bulgarian Czar redeemed the promise he avec after the second."

The Chancellor spoke of the situation in and always will be the root of our strength."

SOCIALIST LEADER REPLIES TO THE CHANCELLOR.

Dr. Philip Scheidemann, the Socialist leader whose interpellation resulted

Austrian territory to join them.

"But the Bulgarian Czar redeemed the promise he gave after the second Balkan war in which Bulgaria bore the brunt of battle and was then deserted by Russia," he said. "Berbia then received a reward from Russia because her vanguard advanced against Austria-Hungary, but now Bulgarian soil. Serbia is crushed. One more small country is sacrificed for the interests of the allies."

The Chancellor mentioned the attempts of the Allies to regulate their lost Baikan position through threats of violence against Greece.

"Those who used the pretext that they are making war against Prussian militarism now threaten the Greek Government with the power of the English navy," he said. "This attitude makes it impossible for the allies to continue the Belgian hypocrisy. Why did not the Westminster Gazette not tell this at the beginning? Then the whole world would have heard the truth."

The Chancellor said the Germans now hold advanced strong lines in Russia and that despite their numerical superiority the Anglo-France troops have been unable to break the German front in the west.

On the Austro-Italian front there have been no changes," he said, "except that the Italians have succeeded in destroying towns which they meant to conquer."

ECONOMIC LIFE IN BELGIUM IS REVIVING.

Bethmann-Holweg then discussed briesly Germany's administration of conquered territory. Economic life in Heigium is slowly reviving, he said. The coal mines are now almost as busy as in times of peace, having produced \$,500,000 tons during the last three months, he said. "Beigium," he said, "now suffers from the fact that England hinders the export of Beigium goods across the sea.

the export of Belgium goods across the sea.

"Gormany's task in the conquered parts of Russia is especially hard since the Russian government had left everything undone. The cities were without sewerage. They had formerly been ruled by Russian bureaucracy. The Germans established self-government in Poland where the authorities now show seal and intelligence. Germany has built nearly \$,000 miles of new roads. She has opened new schools, but the children are taught the mother tongue, not the Russian.

"Against the convincing power of Richard Constitution of the Russian."

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"Against the convincing power of these facts," he said, "our enemies are called the property of the called the called

The Chancellor mentioned the great stores of copper, which, he said, are sufficient for years of industrial demands, and the introduction of substitutes like artificial rubber.

To bring greatly superior forces into the field, the Chancellor said that France already had called to the colors the class of 1917, bringing into the war youths under the usual military age.

The Chancellor referred to the charge that members of the orew of a German submarine had been shot while defenseless by the crew of the British patrol boat Barslong, and said the English press had concealed the facts of this case from the nation. As he made these remarks the whole house arose as an expression of indig-

German submarine had been shot while defenseless by the crew of the British patrol boat Baralong, and said the English press had concealed the facts of this case from the nation. As he made these remarks the whole house arose as an expression of indignation.

Speaking of the guarantees of the position of Germany in the future, to be concluded in the peace terms, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg insisted that the longer the war is continued, with increasing bitterness, by Germany's enemies, the greater te the need of such guarantees.

"We don' fight to subjugate other nations," declared the Chancellor in conclusion. "We fight for the protection of our Mfe and liberty. For the German Government this war his always remained what it was at the beginning—a war of defense for the German nation and for her future, This war can only be terminated by a peace

DARKEN GRAY HAIR NATURALLY LIKE THIS



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ENTIRE STAFF OF GERMAN DIVISION

Scouts Make a Daring Raid on Headquarters Under Cover of Darkness.

TWO GENERALS CAUGHT

Effort to Rescue the Captured Officers.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 9 .- (Via London.)-The entire staff of the Eightysecond Germany Army Division was captured by Russian mounted scouts and brought as prisoners into the Russian lines as the result of a daring ist leader whose interpellation resulted in to-day's peace discussion, followed the Chancellor. Dr. Scheidemann re-minded the Reichstag that at the be-ginning of the war the Socialists ap-proved the attitude of the German Covernment. night raid recently, according to unofficial accounts which have fust been!

Under cover of darkness, a small company of scouts worked its way "A glance at the map," said Scheidemann, "will show that Ger-many is conscious of her strength and past the German trenches towards the German base. Emerging from a wood, the scouts found themselves her successes. Germany can now speak for peace without risking being considered weak-hearted or disclose to a village. They stopped and sent forward a reconnoitering party.

Scheidemann protested against those who dream of a war of annexation.

"My plea for a statement of peace terms, like that of Lord Courtney, need by no means be construed as a sign of lack of strength," said the Socialist leader. "But the present war is bringing Burope to the verge of ruin."

Scheidemann assailed the idea that it is peachly a starty Germany. Besquadron galloped out of the village, trian Landsturm troops. The Russians dismounted and concealed them-

Scheldemann assailed the idea that it is possible to starve Germany. Recent census figures, he said, showed 20,000,000 swine and 55,000,000 kilograms of potatoes in Germany, enough food, he said, to supply the entire Empire for a long time.

Scheldemann quoted Kalser Wilhelm as saying that this is no war for conquest. The Germans and Austrians fel helm as saying that this is no war for conquest.

"Therefore," said the Bocialist leader, "I have asked the Chanceller to state possible conditions of peace."

In concluding Scheidemann denied that Germany is seeking world leadership. He asserted that she wants only to be the equal of other nations. The present moment is opportune for peace talk, he said. By moving now, Germany, he declared, may gain the glo.y she first dreamed of. them, also retreated, many troops falling under the Russian fire.

low on foot into the village. On apthrough the windows figures of German officers. Half of the force of scouts made for the mansion.

A rush for the doors of the man sion was made by ten Cossacks. They were so quick that the German off core did not have time to secure their coats and furs before they were hus-

The mansion proved to be a division staff headquarters. The socute secured valuable papers. The whole incident took place in less than fif-

incident took place in less than fifteen minutes.

With their prisoners, the secouts began to retire. The German cavalrymen mean while had reformed and attempted to cut off the Russian retreat. The prisoners were sent back under convoy and the retreat covered by the bulk of the scouts, who receeded in returning to the Russian lines with small losses.

It is stated that the captured staff included two Generals, one being a Division Commander, seven staff officers and several Red Cross physicians. One Colonel was killed in attempting to escape.

Whan the committee, which is two-stagating the Public Service Commission. That the money was passed is known to Senator Thompson. He also knows the intermediary, and expects he will tell how it was divided. He proposes to stay here until all the truth about it is revealed.

Subpoenas are out for several prominent men, whose evidence is expected to be of the highest importance. District Attorney Perkins is being kept informed of all developments, and it may be stated that they relate to very serious offenses.

Whan the committee met this after-

FRENCH GUNS BLOW UP

paris, Dec. 2.—The War Office to-day issued the following statement:

"In the Champagne district last might our artillery, following up its bombardment of the German positions, caused the explosion of a depot of munitions at a point to the south of St Supiet. Our counter attacks to the east of Butte De Souain have continued to drive back our adversaries, who now occupy only a portion of the advance trenches. Our batteries, by their constant fire, are preventing the enemy from establishing himself here.

"In the Argonne district we have caused the successful explosion of two mines in the region of Haute Chedauchee."

BERLIN, Dec 2.—At army head-quariers to-day the following statement was given out:

"Lively artillery duels occurred at several places, especially in Flanders and in the region of Hill No. 193, northeast of Souain.

"A French aeroplane was obliged to land south of Bapaume. The occupants were taken prisoner."

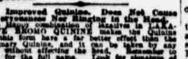
MEWC OF COMMINIMATION.

"English a part of the company. He paid to back a few months later. Furrer is employed in the office of D. W. ASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Sidney Brooks, English writer and friend of the later there is not a doubt in the later there is not a doubt in the allies will be victorious. After his visit to the President, Brooks said this country within six months may expect to, be engaged in which you do business?" asked Country which is company's business had jumped from 1846 during July to 14,516 in December. He emphatically denied that be partically denied that participation in peace discussion behad given anybody any commissions. He entries in his books of these payments in the "commissions accounts" was all a mistake, he said.

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NEWS OF COMMUNIPAW

The first report that the Communi-paw had been sunk was received on Dec. 7. It would appear, therefore, that the tanker has been confused with some other vessel which was sunk. Prior to this there have been conflicting reports concerning the identity of the steamer which was torpedoed.



RUSSIANS CAPTURE New Pantalette Skating Costume That Promises to Become Popular



OSCAR S. STRAUS SUCCEEDS M'CALL AS P. S. BOARD HEAD

(Continued from First Page.)

Sweet. Both are New York City Democrats.

P. Erskine Wood of Colgate, Parker of and Company, brother of Commissioner Wood, bond brokers, testified this afternoon. He has been in the bond business ever since he left college, he says, and he has never owned corporation stock. He declared that the loaned his brother \$3,500 in the winter before he was appointed a Public Service Commissioner.

He didn't receive any note or written memorandum.

relate to very serious offenses.

When the committee met this afternoon William C. Banks was recalled to the stand. Mr. Banks said he was willing to sign a waiver of impunity. DEPOT OF MUNITIONS

willing to sign a waiver of immunity, and Counsel Lewis, after taking his signature, announced that his testimony might be used in any civil or criminal proceeding. Banks nodded. He said he bought the Northwestern Construction Company from P. Erskine Wood, giving him the \$1,080 cash in bank belonging to the concern. All he bought was the company's good will and patent rights. He agreed to turn over all outstanding accounts receivable to P. Erskine Wood. That explained a payment of \$540 to him a few weeks after the sale of the company.

AFTER VIS

TREPORTS STEAMER SAFE

Were taken prisoner."

Levy Street last evening after leaving the investigation.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. Six or seven years. We're pals.

Q. Have you borrowed money from him?

A. No—well, maybe. We'll—yes. No; I can't remember how much.

"TRIED TO PROVE WOOD WAS GETTING MONEY."

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The American oil steamer Communipaw, reported to have been sunk off the coast of Tripoli by a submarine, sailed from Alexandria. Egypt, for New York on Dec. 8, according to an announcement by Lloyd's.

GETTING MONEY."

Q. Did Delaney ask you about your appearance here? A. Yes. I told him I was tied up all day yesterday; that you fellows were trying to prove that Robert C. Wood was getting money out of my concern, and that was a great joke. A good many people think Robert C. Wood is getting money out of the Northwestern Construction Company. That's a great joke. Company. That's a great joke. Q. Does Delaney think so? A. I guess

ARE SEARCHED BY FRENCH CRUISER

Taken From Porto Rico

Liner.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 9 .-The Porto Rico liner Coamo was stopped this morning by the French cruiser Descartes, which took four German ffremen from the merchantman on board the warship. The officers, crew and all the passengers were examined.

It is reported that the Descartes was looking for Waldemar Hepp, German Consul at San Juan and John Stubbe, the Austrian Consul, who are now in New York.

Chief Steward Schaade of the Porter Steward Schaade of the Po Rico liner Carolina was taken from Mr. Wilson's Presidency, had endeav-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.-Word the WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Word that the American steamer Coamo and Carolina had been stopped by a French cruiser, searched and that four German firemen had been taken off the Coamo, elicited no excitement among officials here. The right of a belligerent warship to stop, visit and search American ships at sea, under certain circumstances is not questioned. The incident is not likely to be made the subject of diplomatic interchanges, unless undue hardship were imposed, or international law and dishonorable persons those men were imposed, or international law

The Coamo and the Carolina are

American steamships, owned by the New York and Porto Rico Steamship Company. The Coamo was bound for San Juan from New York, having left that port on December 4. The Carolina arrived at San Juan December 1 and was to have salled thence for Pouce.

BRITISH SUBMARINE SINKS TURK WARSHIP

Paris Report Also Says French Troops Checked Foe on the Gallipoli.

owe me money now for a rug I bought you!"

"So you've got it all fixed up now, so he can testify the same as you, have you?" asked Senator Thompson.
"Oh, ro! No, no!" (xclaimed Banks, He was perspiring profusely and his frowns were getting deeper every minute. PARIS, Doc. 8 .- The French War Office this afternoon gave out a report on the progress of hostilities on follows:

minute.

Charles D. Donohue has resigned as a member of the Thompson investigating committee because his duties there interfered with his service as a "On the 5th of December an attack member of the Tax Committee. Assemblyman Joseph M. Callahan was
appointed in his place by Speaker
Sweet. Both are New York City fire from our trench guns, which made 6. was characterized by an effective a breach in the lines of the enemy and caused the explosion of a Turkish depot of munitions. The enemy responded by a violent bombardment which, caused no damage.

"On the sea of Marmora, a British submarine has torpedoed and sent to the bottom the Turkish torpedo boat destroyer Yar Hissar, two officers of he Turkish vessel and forty men were

ITALIAN CRUISER SUNK.

denna Reports Destruction Small Warship in Adriatic.

VIENNA, Dec. 9 .- "One of our sub marines sank a small Italian cruiser When he was asked where he got the money to start in business in 1918, he refused to answer on the ground but it was his private business. Chairwith two funnels off Aviona, Albania (the Italian fortified base opposite Brindist)," says an official statement lesued last night.

TALKS OF PEACE PARLEY HOW PEACE MOVES ARE SEEN IN LONDON AFTER VISIT TO WILSON AND IN BERLIN

Mr Wood said his brother repaid him in notes of the Northwestern Construction Company, one of which matured each month. He took over that concern when Robert C. Wood

was appointed commissioner and asked him to "clean it up." The last payment was on April 5 last. He had no other money transactions

Premier Asquith said in the House of Commons yesterday: "If proposals of a serious character for a general peace are put forward by the enemy governments, either directly or through a neutral power, they will be discussed by the allied governments."

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hol-weg said in the Reichstag to-day: "As long as in the countries of our enemies guilt and ignorance of statesmen are entangled with confusion of public spinion, it would be folly for Germany to make peace proposals, which would not shorten but lengthen the duration of the war."

4,000,000 Given British Red Cros in Day.

LONDON, Dec. 9. - It was an-December 12.51 12.53 12.41 12.44 | nounced at a meeting of the British Isnuary 12.65 12.65 12.52 12.56 | Red Cross in London yesterday March 12.91 12.91 12.80 12.85 | Red Cross in London yesterday Mary 13.13 13.01 13.07 | that a recent one-day collection taken July 13.17 13.21 13.11 13.14 | throughout the empire in behalf of August 13.07 13.08 13.06 13.06 | the Red Cross had resulted in the October 12.73 12.76 12.68 12.70 | Market closed steady, 2 to 5 points off. | total of \$4,000,000.

GERMAN PAPER JUSTIFIES JAILING OF WAR PLOTTERS

Four German Firemen Are But Tageblatt, in Comment on Wilson's Speech, Says Ameri-

cans Aroused Passion.

BERLIN, Dec. 9 (via London) -"Persons who are born in Germany and become American citizens cannot be excused for violating the laws of America," says the Tageblatt, in commenting upon President Wilson's message. "Germany would punish persons from abroad who came here and violated German laws.

"But the passion of German-Americans to which President Wilson refers would not have been heated to such a point if the United States, under ored to maintain honest neutrality.

"That was not done. A great por tion of the press not only proclaims sympathy for France and Great Britain, which is pardonable, but wages

The Morgen Post makes a violent attack upon President Wilson. It says: "This neutral Government's head has hardly a word of reproach for the shameless incliements of the lingo press against Germany ...
but he insults as traitors, Anarchists and dishonorable persons those men in whom love for the old fatherland lives It was assumed, of course, that the and who rise up against the despit vessel was stopped outside the three-mile international limit of Porto Rico.

The Kreuz Zeitung says that the able things done against them daily."
The Kreuz Zeitung says that thus

far there has been no sufficient evi-dence of German plots against the United States to justify the words of the message.

\$25,000,000 ISSUE BY TRADE BOOSTERS

National City Bank Stockholders Will Get It-Stone and Vanderlip Elected Officers.

Frank A. Vanderlip was made Chairman of the Board of Directors to-day at the first meeting of the American International Corporation. the Gallipoli peninsula which reads as the new organization formed to promote the foreign trade and commerce of the United States. The other officers elected were

Charles A. Stone, President; Willard D. Straight, Vice-President; R. F. Herrick, Vice-President; R. P. Tins-

Herrick, Vice-President; R. P. Tins-ley, Secretary and Treasurer; James Higgins, Assistant Secretary, and Percy Hayes, Assistant Treasurer. The Board authorized the offering of \$25,000,000 of the common stock of the corporation to the stockholders of the National City Bank at par, to the extent of their holdings of stock in the bank. The management was au-thorized to offer, at its discretion thorized to offer, at its discretion the balance of the common stock for subscription to others.

Leaders of Allies Still in War Coun-

PARIS, Dec. 9.-The General War Council of the Entente allies contin-ued its sessions here yesterday, Gen. Joffre presiding.

BRITISH AND GREEK STEAMERS TORPEDOED

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The British steamer Veria and the Greek steamer Goulandris have been sunk. Goulandris have been sunk.

The Veria, of 3,229 tons gross, was owned by the Cunard line. She was last reported as having arrived at Genoa, on Nov. II, from Liverpool.

The Goulandris is probably the L G. Goulandris, a vessel of 1,598 tons gross, built in 1895.

The crews of both vessels were

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If you know of some one who is troubled with Catarrhal Duafness, head noises or ordinary estarrh cut out this formula and hand it to them and you will have been the means of saving some poor sufferer perhaps from total deafness. In England scientists for a long time past have recognized that catarrh is a constitutional disease and necessarily requires a constitutional treatment.

Sprays, inhalers and nose douches are liable to irritate the delicate air passages and force the disease into the middle ear, which frequently means total deafness, or else the disease is driven down the air passage toward the lungs, which is quality as dangerous. The following formula which is used extensively in the damp English climate is a constitutional treatment and should prove especially effections to sufferers here with live under more favorable climate conditions.

clous to sufferers here with live under more favorable climate conditions.

Secure from your Druggist 1 ounce of Parmint (Double strength). Take this home and add to it 'a pint of hot water and a ounces of granulated sugar; stir until dissolved. Take one tablespoonful feur times a day. This will often bring quick relief from distressing head unless. Clogged nostrils should open, breathing become easy and hearing improve as the inflammation in the custachian tubes is reduced. Parmint is used in this way as it acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system and has a slight tonic action that facilitates the recovery of the patient. The preparation is easy to make, costs little and is pleasant to take, Every person who has catarrh should give this treatment a trial.—Advt.



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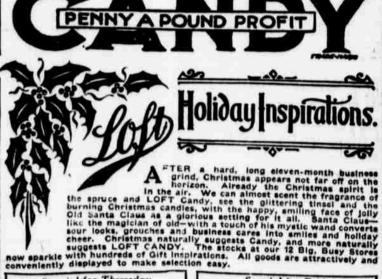
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